

Executive Summary
Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER)
2003 Program Year
Maricopa HOME Consortium

At the end of each fiscal year, communities across the Country have both the opportunity and the responsibility to report to their citizens on how they have utilized public funds of all types to improve the community and the lives of the people who live in it. The Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER) is one nearly universal vehicle for providing that information to citizens of the United States. The Department of Housing and Urban Development requires consolidated planning and consolidated reporting of all communities as a condition of receiving federal grants for housing and community development. And since the planning and reporting process is intended to include all jurisdictional resources for housing and services that benefit low and moderate income people, the CAPER can and should provide a comprehensive overview of much that is being done in the jurisdiction to improve people's lives.

Maricopa County measures 9,222 square miles and has a population of 3,296,250. The service area for the Maricopa HOME Consortium is all of Maricopa County except for Phoenix and

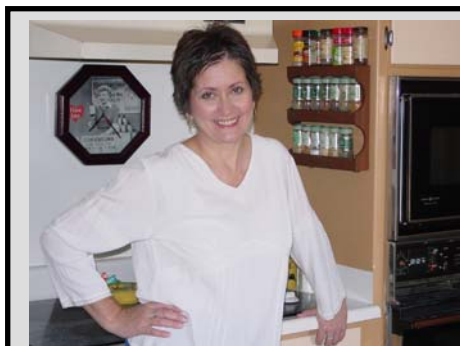
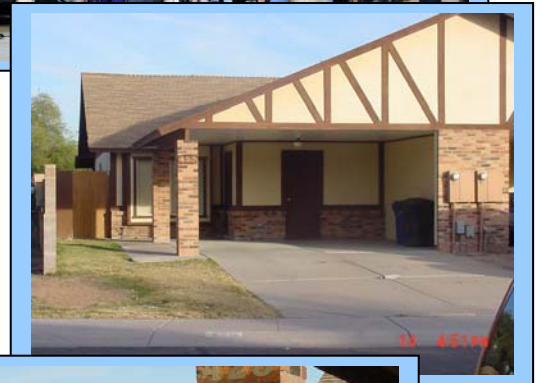


lands of the Native American tribes. It includes six cities and twelve towns that are home to 57% of the residents of the county. The intergovernmental agreement that established and maintains the Maricopa HOME Consortium has been executed by Maricopa County, Gilbert, Chandler, Glendale, Mesa, Peoria, Scottsdale and Tempe. The Consortium, with Maricopa County designated as the *Lead Agency*, administers HOME Investment Partnership funds and is

responsible for the housing components of the HUD Consolidated Plan and the preparation and submission of the CAPER. Contributors to this CAPER include representatives of the members of the Maricopa HOME Consortium, Maricopa County Departments of Community Development and Human Services, the Housing Authority the Industrial Development Authority of Maricopa County and the Governor's Office of Housing Development.

Many things were accomplished during the year and many lives were changed. The people who provide services and the people who receive them have good reasons to be proud of what has been done. Examples of true accomplishment in addressing the housing and services needs of low-income residents and homeless and families are impressive.

Two Mesa families met with President George W. Bush for a Conversation on Homeownership March 26, 2004 in Phoenix. Emily and Russell McElhaney and their three children are the 250th family to purchase a house through Housing for Mesa, a local non-profit affordable housing agency. The City provides federal CDBG and HOME funding for Housing for Mesa's homeownership program. Monica Mims and her nine-year-old son, pictured here, were the first Valley participants in the Home Ownership Under Section Eight program. The HOUSE program enables first-time homeowners to use their Section 8 voucher towards a mortgage payment instead of rent. The Housing Services Division and Housing for Mesa planned and implemented the HOUSE program. Housing for Mesa provides homeownership education and counseling.



In August of 2003 Mary Alyce achieved the goal she had been working to achieve for five years: Mary Alyce used her escrow, matching IDEA funds, and CSA's down payment for 1st time home buyers to purchase a home in Scottsdale.



- Family Self Sufficiency continues to graduate families into employment and home ownership. This year, HUD again recognized several members of the Consortium for the accomplishments of program recipients in becoming new homeowners.
- Maricopa County committed \$4,231,488 from this year's budget to the regional Human Services Campus. The County's Industrial Development Authority also made a grant of \$2,000,000 to the project.
- The County's Workforce Development Division utilized \$7,000,000 in Workforce



Investment Act funds to provide for One Stop Career centers and a Workforce Development Center to provide 81,772 units of service to help job seekers improve their employment skills (928 adults, 868 dislocated workers and 451 young people).

- More than \$15,000,000 was awarded to forty-five applications for HUD Homeless Assistance Grants recommended by the Maricopa Association of Governments Regional Committee on Homelessness.

Poverty is a serious issue in Maricopa County. The cost of housing continues to rise above the reach of many lower income families and the affordable housing gap identified in a statewide housing analysis this year is significant and real. Population growth, development patterns and NIMBY attitudes of many residents make it likely that housing cost will exacerbate the effects of poverty for some time to come. That having been said, the commitment of federal and local resources to improve the lives of low-income residents and the neighborhoods they live in has been very real and very effective.

The following report documents \$6,019,024 in HOME funds, \$4,035,441 in Urban CDBG funds and more than \$11,000,000 in CDBG expenditures from Consortium members for housing activities, all matching or leveraging almost \$22,500,000 in other financial resources. It also includes information on \$1,121,450 in State Housing Trust Fund Grants from the Arizona Department of Housing to improve homes and increase the number of emergency, transitional and rental housing units. Another \$21,780,000 in IDA bond funds will finance the development of 428 multifamily units, 172 of which will be set side for low-income households. Information is included on the \$15,000,000 in HUD Homeless grants that are shared with Phoenix through the MAG Continuum of Care Application Process. Finally, there was more than \$7,000,000 in expenditures from other federal sources to promote job readiness and transportation to work.